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TO: Interested Parties

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT STAFF REPORT ON RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO CALIFORNIA'S CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(D) LIST AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) is soliciting comments from the public on the *Draft Staff Report on Recommended Changes to California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List* (Report). The Report identifies those surface waters within the Central Valley region that do not meet applicable water quality standards. Copies of the report and the appendices can be found at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/TMDL/>.

After receipt of public comments, the Report will be finalized and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for their consideration. As required by Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, the SWRCB will provide the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) with a revised list of surface waters considered by the State to be impaired (not attaining water quality standards) after certain required technology based water quality controls are in place. It is anticipated that this submission will be provided to US EPA by April 2002, as required by federal regulations. The submission will be based on information and data available to the SWRCB and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

The Regional Board solicited information from the public to consider for the update of the 303(d) list on 21 February 2001. The public was requested to provide information by 15 May 2001. At this time, the Regional Board is only accepting public comments on the proposed changes to the 303(d) list and is not collecting additional information or data. Public comments must be received by the Regional Board no later than 2 November 2001. Comments may be submitted to:

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Comments may also be sent electronically to 303dlist@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov.

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